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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1907.

He who alms highest will reach the loftlest ideal.—Farrar.

The President's Blunder.

President Roosevelt had provocation enough to assail Senator Foraker, but he was most unfortunate in his selection of an occasion for making the assault. It was very much like picking a quarrel in the parlor of a friend when a company is assembled for social enjoyment,

The Gridiron Club is a social club, and Messrs. Roosevelt and Foraker were its guests. Its dinner parties are collations of fun and frolic, and serious discussion of public questions is decidedly out of place, least of all a fiery speech, bristling with personalities, such as Mr. Roosevelt is said to have uttered at the club's latest entertainment. It appears to us, therefore, that Mr. Roosevelt's attack on Senator Foraker and other guests was not only untimely, but in wretched taste and a distinct breach of hospitality. It was also in poor judgment, for all sorts of reports have gone out concerning the President's utterances, and the club has been forced to make a public statement and say that in one particular at least Roosevelt was misquoted. But every day another rumor leaks out, and perhaps more corrections will be forthcoming by and by, For example, the New York Herald of yesterday says that the President shook his finger in the direction of

"If you gentlemen are not willing to accept the action of the conservative class, which is ready to afford protection alike to the rich and poor. I will say to you now that when you have disposed of us by your machinations you will find yourselves face to face with a people which believes it has been deprived of its rights and a mob which does not have the least respect for riches. You can take your choice."

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This alleged extract from the speech yesterday, and used as a big stick for hammering prices. It is hard to imagine the President of the United States serving such notice upon his fellow-guests at a sociable dinner party. But that is the report, and many will believe it unless it is officially denied. If Mr. Roosevelt had it in him to say such a thingand we doubt not that he did-he should have given his speech public utterance, so cerned might give heed.

Aside from all this, it appears to us that Mr. Roosevelt took an unfair advantage of Senator Foraker. Somebody has described the tilt between the President and the Senator from Ohio as a fight in the prize ring. Not so; for in all such contests the pugilists have been notice. Mr. Roosevelt struck Senator unprepared for the attack. True, the Senator defended himself well, and some say that he got the best of the encounter. But it was not a square deal, and Mr. Roosevelt is a sporting man and knows

the rules of the ring. The President made a great blunder, no matter from what point his conduct is viewed, and he has hurt, rather than helped, his cause in the matter in issue between himself and Senator Foraker.

Dr. Foster's Administration.

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Sir,—As a citizen of Virginia who is
the the the third of the Eastern State
Hospital, I am sorely grieved by the attack made upon its superintendent, Dr.
L. S. Foster, and others. For several
years I have been a patron of the institution and more or less acquainted
with its officers and their management
of the hospital. In my frequent visits
I have accrutinized quite carefully the
workings of the institution and the
treatment of its patients, because of the
sad affliction I personally felt in the treatment of its patients, because on the said affliction I personally felt in the welfare of a particular patient. I certainly would have made known my complaint had I found anything wrong; but I am pleased to say, after all my personal inspection and frequent conversation with the inmates and attendants, having gone even to the tables at meal hours, noticed the food and attention having gone even to the tables at meal hours, noticed the food and attention given the patients; also gone to the bedrooms and found them clean and in good order, even the linen and blankets clean and white, and I wondered how any management could produce such results in a home filled with people with demented minds, and I can truly say that not only the physicians in charge, but the attendants, all seemed to be the proper persons for their duties. I have noticed what I took to be a very rare executive ability behind all this, I was much pleased and not loath to say that I would regard it as a public calamity and gross injustice to the patients that it is the spirit of Stonewall Jackson and through the proper persons for their duties. I have noticed what I took to be a very rare executive ability behind all this, I was much pleased and not loath to say that I do not know Dr. Foster intimately, or Dr. Southall, but I do know Dr. Henderson, and have known him a long number of years, and know him to be a first-class gentleman, incapable of know-ingly committing a wrongful act.

I write this ma a simple act of justice.

to the people who have been attacked. I certainly have found no ground of attack, and if there be any I am very much mistaken in the opinion I have formed. Perhaps the outs want to get in, or some personal prejudice is at the bottom of it ali. I do know it will be a very dark day for the institution when such arguments prevail. No such thins as politics, envy or spite ought to be allowed, or anything but pure honesty and ability ought to be sought after by the State to guide and control such an institution as this. Let well enough alone; a great inferest is at stake, and a blunder may be made which may prove irreparable; and I do not say this with reference to any man or set of men. Very truly,

Eastville, Va.

We publish the above letter from an Eastville correspondent as a proper tribute to Dr. Foster, Superintendent of the Eastern State Hospital. We have heard Dr. Foster criticized for his determined resistance to being put out of his office, but in his stout opposition to what he feels to be a gross injustice Dr. Foster should have sympathy rather than censure. He may not have been an absolutely ideal administrator, but he has been above the average standard of the State, and his personal integrity is unimpeachable. If he has been rash in language at times, he has been provoked beyond endurance. The effect upon the servants of the State who are honestly trying to do their duty will be most discouraging when Dr. Foster is put out of his place. We don't know and don't care anything about the personal quartels of individuals or political rivalries; we look at the general adminstration of the Eastern State Hospital, and we believe that Dr. Foster has performed his duty as an honest and in-telligent man should do.

Same Old Argument.

In the South Carolina Senate there is an intelligent lawmaker who presents two chief reasons for opposing a law re-quiring all the children to learn to read and write. One of those reasons is that it will require several hundred thousand dol-there there the regent expenditures. will require several hundred thousand dollars more than the present expenditures. There can be but one explanation of such additional cost. It is that so many children are now growing up in ignorance that if they are forced into schools, larger buildings and more teachers will be required. That is not wholly true, for hundreds of schoolhouses are not taxed to half their capacities and can be filled without additional cost, but what a shame if it were true! What an injustice to part if it were true! What an injustice to part of our people! We spend \$1,00,000 a year for public schools, and if it is proper to pay this nublic money to teach three-fourths or four-fifths of the children, how can the Legislature excuse itself for not providing for all?—Columbia State.

Your Senator's argument is not new in Virginia when the fight was on. means that if all the children in the State should take it into their heads to go to school it would be a public calamity, for the schoolhouses would be overwhelmed It means that the greater the number of pupils in the public schools the worse it will be for the State. It means that every device of the school trustees and the school is in the nature of a raid on the treasury, and contrary to public policy. all the children to attend school if it could. That is the logic of the argument. and it is about as forceful as any other argument against compulsory school attendance.

A Gloomy Day.

The Rev. Jones Roscoe Day, chan-cellor of Syracuse University, has come up to the support of the captains of industry, and in a recent address used

"How much was there in the world so long as the hand was the only thing that worked? It was only after the brain began to work and men discovered ways of developing the resources of this earth by the force of nature and by a thousand inventions—which the man who worked with his hand tried to destroy—that hand work did anything beyond the rudest forms. The labor of this world to-day is brain labor, and the hand-toller has the easier job a thousand-fold. The brains of wealth are furnishing the laboring man with his chance to work."

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That speech has the flavor of a sop trained for the bout, and both are on to the rich. In any event, it is brutat Foraker when the latter was wholly his skill are quite as important in all enterprise as the rich man's brains furnishing the laboring man with a hance to work, so are the brains and brawn of the laboring man furnishing wealth the chance of increase. It is a reciprocal relationship, and the order of the day is to bring about a closer relationship between capital and labor and make the combination an honorable copartnership, with equal obligation on each side. But the doctrine of Chancellor Day would destroy all such relationship and create an aristocracy of pendent peasant class on the other. His doctrine is undemocratic, and the spirit of it is snobbish and contemptible.

The Spirit of Jackson.

By way of preserving the record we reproduce in these columns the reply of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson to the offer of the North Carolina Legislature to give her a pension of \$100 a month for life

"I most heartily appreciate this loyal tribute to the name of my husband, and tender my heartfelt thanks for the proferred honor and benefit, but do not feel that I would be justified in accepting it. I am informed that the law in North Carolina limits all pensions to those who have not \$500 of personal property, and as I do not come under

sentiment above money. Mrs. Jackson is an honor to the name she bears.

The Extra Effort. In all the affairs of life it is the extra

effort that counts.

Our young men in Richmond have made a noble canvass for the Y. M. C. A fund, and a large sum of money has been sub

scribed. But they are still several thousand dollars short of success, and only a few days remain to the campaign,

Now is the time for the extra effort. Now is the time for bringing out the latent force. Now is the time for the

It often happens in the crises of life that one feels that he has done his best, that he has reached the limit of endurance or endeavor, and yet when the spur is put in he finds a reserve that he knew not of. It is called for, and the last ef

fort saves him from ruin. How many a man has been saved by the last, extra effort! We say this as a spur to the canvassers. We say it as a spur also to the people at large. Come on with the extra subscriptions. It will be too bad fo the campaign to fail, now that success is so near. Come on, all hands, with the extra push that will put the ball over the

The members of William L. Yancey Chapter, U. D. C., of Birmingham, propos to erect in that city a charity hospital as a memorial to the distinguished Confederate whose name is bears. Yancey deserves a monument, and the best mor ument which any man can have is a useful institution established in Oils

It is encouraging to know that the Panama contract goes to a Southern man This was no political favor, however. Mr. Oliver, who resides at Knoxville, won it by his enterprise and character. It is a high tribute to the South and a distinct victory.

All the days of the New Orleans Picayune are now three-score years and ten. Yet It shows no sign of declining strength and age has in no sense withered its infinite variety. May it live as long again and may its lagniappe never grow less.

Legislator Charles Whitehead, of New Jersey, announces that he was offered a \$2,500 bribe to vote for Dryden, which is reassuring news. The absurdly low figure at which New York aldermen were recently quoted had led pessimists to think that the law-makers' market had gone all to pieces.

Now caviare has been cornered and is quoted at 100 per cent, more than the old figure, Hardly a day passes without somebody else coming forward and throwing the hooks into the proletariat.

The tongues of giraffes and ant-eaters are nearly two feet in length, but it is doubtful if they accomplish more real work in an eight-hour-day than some of the little two-inch affairs we know about.

A grocer advertises: "All of our hams an almost incurable malady. Our readers have doubtless observed

that the various railroad men who have appeared before the Corporation Commission have testified along those lines.

When Mr. Tillman says that he doesn't intend to be funny any more, what he really means is that he won't be the way. he-was-that-day any more.

It may, or may not, console Governor Swettenham to reflect that he has lately become the indirect author of just one million bright little almost-jokes. "What will paradise be, compared to Milwaukee?" asks the Milwaukee Free Press. We should say that it would be paradise.

After all, this was about the only way that a person like Mr. Thaw could achieve such prominence.

Undoubtedly, Mrs. Harry Thaw has looked pleasant oftener than any other

Those who do not like these crisp, cold days are at liberty to go to a warme

The first thing he knows, Senator Fora-

embership ticket to the Ananias Club. The Senator from Ohio appears to have had the President momentarily on the club gridiron.

Senator Balley appears to wear his new whitewash with a certain gingerliness.

Chief Engineer Stevens is a Chicago man, but is said to have his good points. Why do Great Statesmen's sons elope?

Did Not Say the Legislature

Could Be Bought.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Str.—Your Norfolk correspondent in yesterday's issue has incorrectly re-ported a sentence in my sermon in Norported a sentence in my sermon in Nor-folk on last Sunday morning at the Second Presbyterian Church. Permit me to state correctly what I did say. As near as I can reproduce my exact words, they were these: "I am informed that the Liquor Dealers' Association of Virginia are raising a fund of \$30,000 to control the situation in Virginia. I do not know whether this report is true or not, but I do know they are raising a fund, for I have received re-centiv a letter sent out by them to ently a letter sent out by them to he saloon-keepers of the State, making

one that knows me knows, of ourse, that I did not make so foolist and unkind a statement as that the Legislature of Virginia could be bought There are too many Christian gentle-men in the Legislature, a number of whom are my personal friends, for me to make such a statement.

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Personally I have no doubt that the liquor traffic would like to buy up the Legislature (one of their workers admitted, not long since, I am informed, that they sent \$50,000 to Columbus, O, to buy up the Ohio Legislature, but he disgustedly added: "Those temperance cranks had elected a lot of hayseeds to the Legislature, and we couldn't turn a wheel"); but I for one do not believe that the Legislature of Virginia is for sale, nor have I said so.

It remains to be seen what the liquor men are going to do with the money they are raising.

R. H. BENNETT,

Ashland, Va., Jan. 29, 1907.

Eisle: "Oh! you better leave those preserves alone. Ma said if she caught you at 'em again she'd dust your

rst-class gentleman, incapable of knowngly committing a wrongful act.

I write this as a simple act of justice true Confederate; the spirit which puts

Catholic Standard and Times.

Rhymes for To-Day People Seen

Why Not Try the Want Ads? ["Poet's Daughter In Want."-Newspa-er Headline.]

POETS all live in financial het water Eking existences skimpy and gaunt;
This one is lucky if only his daughter
Knows what is meant by the pinch of
"in want,"

Most-of-Them's want reaches out to Grandsons and nieces and uncles and

All their relations, in short, by the dozens Lead, as a rule, most penurious lives,

Some people s'pose that a poet's exten-Work with the muse brings him wealth

by the can; Matter of fact, it's the far most expen-Taste yet beknownst to the habits of

Viz. there is Me: I am one of the fakirs Who make a daily effusion their vaunt: I carve out poems by acres and acres— Yet kindly glance at the size of my

want a motor and yacht-do you blame

me?--Coupons to clip for two hours a day--Shucks!---there is hardly a thing you
could name me
I do not want in the ardentest way. And more than pleasures that wealth

could be bringing.
This would help most as a soother of strife;
To check these near-poems I long have been singing.
And write honest prose for the rest of my life.

MERELY JOKING.

The Similarity.

Marks—"Taking a wife is something like

Marks—"Taking a wife is something like eating mushrooms." Parks—"How so?" Marks—"You've_ot to awalt results be-fore you can be absolutely sure you've taken the right kind."—Boston Transcript. Absent-Minded.

"Will you marry me?"
"This is so sudden."
"Sudden? Why, I asked you the other day and you wanted time to think it over."
"Oh-was that you?"—Cleveland Leader.

The Well-Trained Leonidas. "I wonder what the secret of Solomon's wisdom was?" said Mr. Meekton's wife. "Good advice," replied Leonidas promptly. "He had any number of wives."—Washing-ton Star.

She—Who is that you nedded to, Qus?
Seems a good style.
He—That's Captain Tuppeny. Splendid chap. Been operated on for appendicitis and that sort of thing, don'-cher-know?—London Scraps. No Highballs for Tommy,

Teacher—How many seasons are there? Tornmy—Four. "Name them." "Basketball, baseball, football and charity ball."—Tonkers Statesman.

One Cause for Gratitude. City Man-"Everything I've bought has one down. Everything I've sold has gone p. Ah, well, thank heaven, they can't go ideways!"--Punch.

POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.

F course, the insurance companies that refuse to pay losses at Kingston will return the premiums collected to the people who did not recognize the policies as okes.—Philadelphia Ledger.

It looks as if the Madison Square Garden will have to be rented for the sensational nurder trials of the future.—New York Sun.

There is always the consolation for Sena-tor Tillman that he need spend no part of his salary or milenge for advertising pur-poses.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

It is not quite clear what use the smelter rust has for a United States Senator, un-ess it is proposed to put a tariff on "smelts." -Kansus City Star.

King Peter, of Servia, wants to put his econd son upon the Servian throne. Looks a though these kings all have it in for e second and third sons.—Washington Her-

NORTH CAROLINA SENTIMENT.

Virginia, with almost a hundred thousand virginia, with almost a hundred thousand ess population than North Carolina, has forty udges with jurisdiction like our Superlor ourt judges, while in this State we have nly sixteen. Something is wrong with ther Virginia or North Carolina—which?— ireenshops Record

We think the Anti-Saloon League showed its good sense in deciding to go slow about the matter of State prohibition. The friends of prohibition have made wonderful progress in this State. Their success has been phein this State. Their success has been phe-nomenal. They should not try to overdo the thing.—Wilmington Messenger.

The Drummer Evangelist.

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The Master's call came with startling suddenness for former Evangelist W. P. Fife.
Everybody in Charlette, everybody in the State, knew him and remember his hearty, handshake and his sincere "God bless you."

He was a converted drummer, and shortly after he began evangelistic work in the State sprang into great favor, and everywhere he labored he was heard by large crowds.—

Charlotte Chronicle.

About Theatre Manners.

The Times-Dispatch, of Richmond, tells of a proceeding in the theatre the other night when the continual conversation of persons in some of the boxes annoyed the actors—and possibly the audience—so much that Mr. Edeson, the star, threatened to ring down the curtain and return the money that had been paid for admission. This vulgar habit on the part of men and women is not considered to Richmond alone. The rebuke must have been stinging. We opine that it gave the occupants of the noisy boxes a most uncomfortable moment, for all eyes were suddenly turned in their direction. But doubtless it made them behave.—Raleigh Times.

It is our belief that Durham is one of the poorest farming counties in the State, yet an examination of the State auditor's port shows that the valuation of farming, and in this county is twice that of some of the farming counties. This perhaps helps to coolain why it is that that the counties get more out of the State treasury than they pay in.—Durham Herald.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

A Kentuckian with the extraordinary name of Offa Stump has been appointed post-master of Pikeville, Pike county.

Belgian glass manufacturers have formed a syndicate at Charleroi to export glass and china. They intend to corner the market in France. King Edward draws more revenue in in-terest on American securities than George III ever extracted from the American col-onics.

A testimonial is being subscribed for at London to be presented to John Kirk, who for ferty years has served at a moderate salary as secretary of the Ragged School Union

An order designating February 27th next as Longfellow day, in observance of the one-hundredth anniversary of the poet's birth, has been passed by the Maine Legislature. White and Black Spring, Virginia Gray Winter, etc. Write for prices. lature.

John Hays Hammond has been elected the first president of the Rocky Mountain Club of New York City, composed of former residents of States in which the Rocky Mountain range lies. A strange little creature is the Northern shrike, or butcher bird, which comes South nearly every winter. About as big as a robin, the butcher bird generally travels alone. He preys on mice and smaller birds, which he hangs on locust thorns, sharp twigs or the points of a wire fonce while he makes his meal.

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in Public Places

Coionei J. E. West, a prominent young business man, of Suifolk, and a member of Governor Swanson's starf, was a calier upon his Excellency at the Capitol yesterday, naving come to the city to look after some private affairs.

"We have a town that is rapidly becoming a city," said Colonei West, when seen least night by a representative of The Times-Dispatch and asked the news of his section.

"We are going ahead in a business way," he continued, "and as a rule our people are prosperous and happy. We are just now engaged in spending \$100, 000 in new street paving and in making other improvements on account of the

other improvements on account of the approaching Jamestown Exposition, and when visitors from afar call upon us this summer we shall not feel ashamed of our town."

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"I believe a gentleman from out in the county will try his luck against Hon. Robert W. Withers for the House of Delegates, but withers will come back all right. He is strong and popular with the people and will win with ease, according to my view. But we do not hear much about this battle. It is the county offices over which the greatest confusion prevails, and the candidates for these are losing no time to cultivate votes. Perhaps the treasurership is provoking the warmest struggle of all. For this important position there are three candidates. They are the incumbent. Hon. Sidney T. Ellis, who, besides filling the office of treasurer, has been a member of the Legislature; Dr. George W. Butts, a former member of the State Democratic Committee, and Hon. Walter Jordan, several times a member of the House from Nansemond. They are making things lively, and are not failing to let the voters know they are in the field."

Colonel West would not say who he thought would win the fight.

Mr. K. D. Urquhart, a popular traveling salesman and a prominent member of the "Fat Men's Club," was in Richmond yesterday on his way home from an extended business trip.

"I have been on the road for some time and do not know what is going on in Lynchburg," said the joylal knight of the Richmond, "but I should not be surprised if our people will have a strong candidate for the next gubernatorial nomination in the person of Congressman Carter Glass."

"Is Mr. Glass holding his popularity pretty well in his district," was asked.

"Not only so," was the reply, "but he is strong all through the Southwest, where my business frequently takes me, and if he should be a candidate, mark my words, he is going to be a powerful factor in the race. Mr. Glass is so fearless and honest in his pub... as well as his private life that his candidacy is bound to appeal to the people where he is known, and you know he is pretty well known all over the State."

Asked about the probability of opposition to the re-election of Senator A. F. Thomas in the Twenteth L. strict this year Mr. Urquhart said he did not know who would be Lynchburg's candidate, but added, significantly, "you know it is Lynchburg's time to have the honor, and Mr. Thomas is a county man."

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Chesapeake and Ohio train for his home
in Lynchburg.

Mr. E. R. Williams, of Arvonia, Va., is at Murphy's. Mr. J. J. O'Donnell, of Newport News, organizer of the State Federation of Labor, is in the city on business for the Federation. Mr. o Donnell has recently returned from a visit to Southwest Virginia, and he says that he finds great demand for mechanics all along the line.

Hon. T. A. Overby, of Blackstone, is at Ford's. Mr. Overby, though largely interested in the horse and mule business at Blackstone, has recently made another big business deal, which promises to turn out well. He has purchased the interest of Mr. B. E. Cobb in the Blackstourg Lumber and Manufacturing Company; has reorganized the concern, and will shortly make many enlargements and improvements to the plant the concern, but it is understood that he is now the largest individual stockholder. Mr. Overby said last night that it was the purpose of his company shortly to establish a \$25,000 box factory in connection with the preson plant, and to operate all branches of the business on an extended scale.

Mr. R. S. Barbour, of South Boston, president of the Barbour Buggy Com-any, is at Murphy's. Mr. Barbour has a repository for his vehicles in Rich-mond, and comes here frequently to mond, and comes here frequently look after that end of his business.

Hon. Willis C. Pulliam, member of the House from Manchester, who was a member of the special legislative committee which investigated the affairs of the Eastern State Hospital, came over last night and was around the lobby of Murphy's conversing with board members and those in close touch with the second inquiry now about to be terminated. Mr. Pulliam was one of the signers of the majority report, which vindicated Dr. Foster.

Judge James L. Tredway, of Chatham, a member of the General State Hospital Board, arrived last night from his home to attend to-day's meeting in reference to the Eastern Hospital matter. Judge Tredway is at the Richmond.

General Passenger Agent C. B. Ryan and Comptroller T. W. Roby, of the Sea-board Air Line, came up from Norfolk last night, and are registered at the Jefferson. Messrs. Ryan and Roby are here to testify before the State Cor-poration Commission in the two-cent passenger-rate matter to-day.

Colonel R. S. Turk, of Staunton, a member of the General Board of State Hospitals, which is to sit here to-day in the Eastern State Hospital matter, is registered at the Richmond.

Rev. E. W. Hubard, of Charlottesville, is registered at Murphy's.

Virginians at the Jefferson are C. B Wayland, Crozet, J. Kaufman and wife Danville; J. P. Leigh, Petersburg.

Some of the Virginians who are stopping at Murphy's are W. L. Howard, Floyd; E. A. Watson, Lynchburg; J. J. Lawrence Petersburg.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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Bijou-"Mr. Biarney From Ireland."
Bostock's-Wild Animal Show,
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Play Disappointing.

The third play selected by Mr. Nat C. Goodwin for his Richmond engagement, which terminated last evening, was decidedly disappointing, and it is to be hoped he will not keep it long in his repertoire, "What Would a Gentleman Do?" is a comedy drawn by Glibert Doyle, mediocre in plot and situations and ill suited to the popular comedian's talent. He is cast as a London cockney suddenly become rich, and thrown among members of the upper class, and having to adapt himself to circumstances as best he can. Mr. Goodwin got little fun out of the lines and struggled as bravely as he could through a hopelessly commonplace play. Miss Goodrich did as well as she could and looked as pretty as a picture. Evidently the piece had not been presented often, for the entire company, with but one or two excaptions, were inexcusably unfamiliar with the lines. Two unusually pretty stage settings formed a redeeming feature, but "What Would a Gentleman Do?" did much to destroy the good taste left by "The Genius."

At the matinee Mr. Goodwin revived his tried and true success of several season's ago, H. V. Esmond's capital comedy drama. "When We Were Twenty-One." He portrayed the lovable Dick Carew with the sure touch of the familine lement that composed about nine-tenths of the audience, Norman Thorp played the Imp cleverly and breezily, but his work was not so convincing as that of Mr. Woodruff, a former member of Mr. Goodwin's company, who created this part. Miss Wilson has the small part of the Freily, and did it only fairly well, her treatment of the character being too subdued to be interesting.

"The Embassy Ball."

Augustus Thomas's latest, and what

"The Embassy Ball."

Embassy Ball," is the medium which Daniel Frohman has fixed upon to present Lawrence D'Orsay to the playgoers of this city at the Academy to-

Mr. D'Orsay's part is said to be much along the same lines as that played by him in "The Earl of Pawtucket," which met with so much success here

which met with so much success here two seasons ago.

The story hinges on Captain, the Honorable Hawarden-Kellie, military attache, British Embassy, meeting three American ladies in Paris, taking a fancy to one, and meeting them again in Washington on the eve of the Embassy Ball. A series of engagements in which Hon. Hawarden-Kellie becomes entangled, and two or three other remances as side issues, lend the necessary complications that make a comedy, it is said, of a most delightful nature. The dialogue, it is declared, simply bubbles over with bright sayings, pointed epigrams and irresistible humor.

At Skating Rink.

Every one who has witnessed the act of the eight Cornallas, filling a week's en-gagement at the big roller rink at Idleterialment of its kind ever seen in Rich-mond. For diversity of numbers, accuracy of execution and cleverness of the entire troup, they stand in a class by them-selves. The double spiral turn, while fly-ing through space from shoulder to shoulder, is perhaps the most difficult acrobatic feat ever attempted, and its seeming case of execution by the younger tertainment of its kind ever seen in Richseeming case of execution by the younger female member of the troup has aroused the large and appreciative audiences who have witnessed their performance, to a degree of enthusiasm, such as an aero-batic act seldom does. Heralded as the foremost artists in their line, the eight Cornaliza have more the distilled. Cornallas have more than justified the

Cornalias have more than justified the many pleasant notices they have received from the press of the country, and their act will attract large crowds to the roller rink for the balance of the week.

The new pictures being shown this week, embracing "Our New Cook," "Tom Removes," "The Merry Frolles of Old Satan," and many others, are up to the usual bits, etc., and the bits with the control of the beauty with the strength of the bits. "The Embassy Ball."

Augustus Thomas's latest, and what attractions.

NO CHIEF SPONSOR AT REUNION HERE

Copies of Order of General Lee Received in Richmond Will Bring Up Question of Having Two Parades Instead of One at Future Reunions.

Copies of the text of the two orders conerning the Reunion of Confederate Veterans in Richmond, recently issued by Gen-

ans in Richmond, tech have been received in this city, and are being read with much interest everywhere. The first order fixes the dates for the reunion for May 20th-June 3d Inclusive, and pays a motable tribute to the Virginia men and women of the Confederacy, concluding with the statement that "the general commanding, then, in the name of the men and women of Virginia, bees you to come; lay aside everything, and come, and meet once more in the State which gave to the world such men as Robert F. Lee. Stonewall Jackson, Jeb Stuart, and countless other heroes."

It is the second order, however, which has aroused widespread discussion, and it is given here in full. In it General Lee announces that there will be no chief sponsor and maid of honor for the South for the Richmond reunion. He also indicates that he will bring to the attention of the organization the question of having two parades in future instead of one. The order follows:

United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, La., Jan. S, 1907. General Orders, No. 60.

I. The general commanding asks the earnest consideration by every officer and individual member of our federation to the action of the United Daughters of the Confederate veterans and individual member of our federation to the action of the United Daughters of the Confederate Veterans be discontinued. This is a matter of the greatest moment, and involves a radical departure from a custom which has been followed for a number of years; and he hopes that each one will most carefully study the question.

It will be remembered that in the early history of the order, we had no sponsors; but our beloved first commander-in-chief, General J. B. Gordon, and his indefatigable adjutant-general, Major-General George Moorman, in the greatest love for the cause, with motives the most lofty, put forth unusual exertions to make a feature at all reunions of the presence of the young lady sponsors and maids of honor. It cannot be denied, however, that what was intended as, an honor to the descendants of the group o

it would work a great hardship and cause much ill-feeling to set aside these. Therefore, the whole matter will be brought to the attention of the Hichmond convention that the partles most interested, the old solders themselves, may decide what is to be done in future. In order, however, to mark his appreciation of the great work that has been accomplished by these noble women, the daughters, granddaughters or near relatives of Confederate soldiers, the general commanding will so far comply with the request as so far comply with the request as to abstain from selecting a chief sponsor and maid of honor for the South for the Richmond reunion,

without prejudice to the course which others may follow. It is absolutely necessary, how-It is absolutely necessary, however, that the expenses of the reunion cities should be reduced, and
he wishes it distinctly understood
that the outlay for the entertainment
of all sponsors and maids of honor
must be borne by those who make
the appointments. The city provision that will be made by the re-union committee will be to furnish a carriage for the parade for depart-ment and division headquarters. This

applies to all future reunions.

II. The general commanding takes this occasion to say that he will recommend to the Richmond convention the advisability in future of having two parades. The first to be composed exclusively of the old soldiers, the other of the U. D. C., U. S. C. V., memorial societies, State militia and all others that may be interested. In the one, the U. C. V. will alone be the participants; in the other, the spectators. applies to all future reunions.

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By command of STEPHEN D. LEE,
General Commanding, Official:

WM. E. MICKLE,

Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff.

FIRE IN SPIKE SHED. Small Damage at Tredegar Iron

Works Yesterday Afternoon. Fire in the roof of the spike shed the Tredegar Iron Works was disof the Treasgar 1101 works was us-covered yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock, and damage to the amount of \$25 resulted. Engine Companies Nos. 4 and 7 and Truck Company No. 1 sponded, and quickly extinguished the

blaze.

The employes in the horseshoe department were forced to quit work for a half-hour or more. All these men, however, rushed to the private free department of the establishment, and assisted the city firemen materially in putting out the blaze.

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